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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION

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1. SOME TIME AGO PRIME MINISTER SALEM REQUESTED LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE COURT (PARQUET) TO UNDERTAKE INQUIRY INTO CAUSES OF CONGESTION ON DOCKS OF ALEXANDRIA PORT. ACCORDING TO PROGRES EGYPTIEN FOR JANUARY 15, REPORT NOW COMPLETED AND BEING SENT TO PRIMIN.

2. PARQUET'S FINDINGS INCLUDE CHARGE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF CUSTOMS SERVICE "PROVOKE DELAYS" IN NORMAL WORK OF OFFICIALS. REPORT ALSO CITED "ROUTINE" WHICH FORCED ONE TO DEAL WITH A MINISTRY, THEN DEPARTMENTS, FINALLY WITH IMPORT ORGANIZATIONS, ALL CREATING DELAY IN REMOVAL OF GOODS.

3. BUT REPORT NOTED THAT "PUBLIC SECTOR" (I.E., NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES) WERE ALLOWED TO REMOVE GOODS QUICKLY AGAINST LETTER GUARANTEEING CUSTOMS SETTLEMENT, YET FAILED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FACILITY. ONLY ONE OF FIFTEEN PUBLIC SECTOR
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IMPORTERS WERE FOLLOWING THIS WAY, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER.

COMMENT: HOW ONLY ONE IMPORTER COULD RUN UP SIZEABLE BILL
PUBLIC SECTOR ALLEGEDLY OWES (REFTEL), CONGEN WILL HAVE TO
SORT OUT WHEN CUSTOMS AND MARITIME MINISTRY OFFICES REOPEN
AFTER WEEKEND.

4. MEANWHILE, SAME PAPER REPORTS, PORT SAID IS BEGINNING TO
SUFFER CONGESTION AS PART OF OVERFLOW CARGO FROM ALEXANDRIA
IS DIVERTED TO THAT PORT.
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